

# A Manifesto for Intergenerational Communism

## Preamble

This manifesto is written for communists and serious anti-imperialists. It assumes the reader already understands that the American propaganda machine lies about its enemies. If you believe everything The Washington Post says about China and North Korea, this document is not for you.

The system described here is not a final constitution. It is a framework, a direction, and a promise. Many details—military command structures, judicial procedures, economic calculation methods—will be worked out democratically as the revolution progresses. What matters is the direction.

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## How to Read This Manifesto

This manifesto is designed to be read in order, but if you only have fifteen minutes, read the Preamble, Chapter 3 (The 200-Year Quarantine), Chapter 9 (Justice and Legal System), and the Conclusion. That will give you the core argument.

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## 1. Governance

### Three-Tier Committee System

Governance is organized into three elected tiers:

- Local committees – Cover counties or equivalent districts. Elected directly by open assembly with secret ballot. Handle local affairs: housing allocation, public safety oversight, local media boards, and community disputes.
- Middle committees – Cover state or regional areas. Elected by local committee members from among their own. Handle state-level coordination, resource distribution, and appeals from local decisions.
- Central committee – Covers national affairs. Elected by middle committee members from among their own. No single head, no president, no chair. The central committee is the highest authority.

### Elections and Term Limits

- Term length: 3 years for all committees.

- Term limits: No central committee member may serve more than 2 terms (6 years). No middle committee member may serve more than 4 terms across central and middle committees combined (12 years). No local committee member may serve more than 8 terms across any committee (24 years).
- Age limits: Candidates must be at least 24 years old (voting age plus 6 years) and no older than 64 at the time of election. They may turn 65 while serving.
- Recall: Any local committee member may be recalled at any time by their local district. A simple majority vote of the local assembly removes them immediately.

### Appeals and Accountability

Any decision made by a local or middle committee may be appealed to the next higher committee. The higher committee has discretion to reject frivolous or petty appeals. There is no appeal above the central committee. However, any citizen may contact their local representative, who may contact their middle representative, who may raise an issue with a central committee member while proposals are still being debated. Once the central committee votes, the decision is final.

Local committee elections are held at the local assembly. Everyone is present as an observer. There is no remote voting, no mail-in ballots, no unobserved counting. Fraud is impossible because the entire community watches the secret ballots being cast and counted.

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## 2. Economy – Wage Grid and Base Pay

### Base Pay

Every citizen receives a base pay set at 150% of the federal poverty rate. This applies to:

- Disabled persons, elderly, students, stay-at-home parents, and others who cannot reasonably work.
- Able-bodied adults who accept available government-created work (they also receive multipliers below).

### Wage Multipliers

All wages are calculated as base pay  $\times$  multiplier.

The multiplier is the sum of four components:

- Employment (by government-created work):  $1\times$
- Education (based on highest degree earned): up to  $+5\times$
- Seniority (up to  $2\times$  for appropriate experience): up to  $+2\times$

- Criticality (local committee designation for understaffed jobs): up to +2×

Education multiplier (highest degree only):

- 10th grade dropout: 1× total (base only)
- High school graduate / GED: 2× total
- Associate degree: 3× total
- Bachelor's degree: 4× total
- Master's degree: 5× total
- PhD: 6× total

Important: The multiplier applies to the highest degree earned only. If you hold three associate degrees and a bachelor's, you are paid at the bachelor's level (4×). Degrees do not stack.

Maximum possible multiplier: 1 (base) + 5 (education) + 2 (seniority) + 2 (criticality) = 10× base pay.

### Able-Bodied Adults Who Refuse Work

Able-bodied adults who refuse all available work without good cause receive 0.5× base pay for the first six months. If they continue to refuse after six months, they receive nothing thereafter. However, they may request a government-issued job at any point. The moment they accept work, full base pay and applicable multipliers are restored.

Mental illness is a medical condition. An able-bodied adult who refuses work due to untreated mental illness is not a "refusenik." They are a patient. The state provides free mental healthcare. Once treated, if they are capable of work and still refuse, the policy above applies.

### Local Application of Criticality Multiplier

Local committees may apply the criticality multiplier (up to 2×) to attract workers to understaffed local jobs, such as rural teachers. This multiplier applies to all workers in that classification, not only new hires, to avoid resentment. Denials of criticality status may be appealed to the middle committee.

### Factory Closures and Job Replacement

The central committee may close a factory only for legitimate reasons: obsolescence, reduced demand, or rebuilding for improved production. When a factory is closed, the central committee is responsible for providing replacement jobs for every displaced worker. No community is thrown away.

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### 3. The 200-Year Quarantine and Phased Free Goods

Capitalist habits, fears, and loyalties persist for generations. The 200-year quarantine is designed to erase living memory of capitalism. No person should live who has spoken to someone who experienced capitalism firsthand.

#### Immediate Free Goods (Day One of the Revolution)

- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- Personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo)
- Doctor visits and all healthcare (see Healthcare section)
- Higher education (college, with limits)

#### Phased Free Goods Starting After the 200 Year Quarantine (Over the Following Decades)

The following goods become free in sequence, each stage beginning only after the population has normalized behavior from the previous stage:

1. Fresh vegetables and fruit
2. Fresh meat
3. Milk and dairy
4. Groceries (all food)
5. Clothing
6. Medicine (already free – healthcare covers it; this refers to non-prescription)
7. Toys and basic entertainment
8. Luxuries (eventually)

#### How This Shrinks the Wage Gap

As each good becomes free, its value is removed from the poverty rate calculation. Base pay decreases accordingly. The 10× multiplier applies to a shrinking base, so the absolute difference between the highest and lowest earner compresses over time. When even luxuries are free, base pay reaches zero, and the multiplier becomes irrelevant. True equality is achieved at the end of the transition, not imposed on day one.

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### 4. Media and Propaganda

#### Ban on Billionaire-Owned Media

All media companies owned by billionaires or corporations are seized by the state. No private individual or entity may own a news outlet.

## Local News Boards

Each county elects a local news board through the local assembly. These boards hire editors and set local coverage priorities. Content must meet factual standards set by the central committee, but local boards determine the angle, emphasis, and local stories.

## Exposing the NED Propaganda Loop

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) was created in 1983 to rebrand CIA covert operations as "democracy promotion." It channels hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars annually through four core grantees: the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, and the Center for International Private Enterprise. These groups fund a sprawling network of media outlets and "civil society" organizations that produce reporting consistently aligned with US strategic interests.

Under this system:

- All foreign policy NGOs receiving US government funding must disclose their funding sources prominently in every publication and media appearance.
- News outlets that cite these organizations without disclosing their funding face escalating fines and potential loss of press credentials.
- The NED and its four core grantees are dissolved, with their functions eliminated.

No more propaganda laundered through faux-independent NGOs. The American people have the right to know when they are being sold a government narrative disguised as journalism.

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## 5. Education

### K-12

- Free, period. All educational expenses are covered by the state, including meals, materials, and transportation.
- Private schools are not allowed. Homeschooling is allowed only if a school bus would take more than one hour each way to transport the student. Homeschooled students use the same standard materials as public classrooms.
- Subjects: math, language, science, history, civics, plus electives (art, music, photography, computer programming).
- Labor history is integrated into standard history. Teaching ancient Greek culture, for example, includes gods, philosophy, architecture, and wealth distribution, slavery, and worker rights. Political discourse evaluates who had power and whether the system failed any class of person.

## Aptitude Testing

Students are given aptitude tests to determine which subjects they are most interested in and suited for. Results guide but do not lock in future paths.

## Higher Education – Structure

- Free, with limits. Students may spend up to 2 years in school followed by 1.5× that time in work before the next 2-year block.
- Work requirement =  $1.5 \times$  (actual time spent in school block). A student who finishes an associate degree in 1 year (fast learner) owes 1.5 years of work; a student who takes the full 2 years owes 3 years of work. A student who finishes early and continues into the next degree within the same 2-year block owes the proportional work requirement for the total time spent.
- Fast learners may stop and work the reduced requirement, or continue school within the same 2-year block to see how far they can progress.
- Students who are slow may take longer; they work the standard requirement before continuing.
- While attending school, income is based on the last degree earned.

## Trade Skills

Trade skills are taught as associate degrees, not as a separate vocational track. Students may go directly from high school to earn an associate degree in a trade.

## Job Guarantee

The state creates a job for every person with a degree, matched to their skills and education. 100% employment is the goal.

## AI Displacement

When a job classification is replaced by AI, workers with that classification are immediately retrained to the same degree level in a different field without the 2-year school / 1.5× work split. They are not punished for being displaced. The state covers all retraining costs and provides base pay during retraining.

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## 6. Housing

State Ownership, Local Allocation

All housing is owned by the state. Local committees allocate housing based on need, family size, job location, and availability. They know best which units are close to which employers – no one wants a house across town from their workplace.

#### Farmers

Farmers remain on their generational fields but as state employees. They no longer worry about profitability. The farm is a state-owned enterprise.

#### Local Adjustments

If a resident wants to move closer to aging parents, the local committee can approve the transfer. Local changes to the housing plan are handled locally.

#### Quality and Construction Standards

Quality standards (minimum square footage, appliances, safety) are set by the central committee. Unique construction standards (earthquake zones vs. tornado zones) are allocated by the state but defined by the central committee.

#### Appeals

Any housing decision can be appealed to the next higher committee. The higher committee has discretion to reject frivolous or petty appeals. This applies to all governance decisions, not just housing.

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### 7. Foreign Policy

#### Core Principles

The nation-state is a temporary organizational necessity, not a permanent feature of human society. The ultimate goal of communism is the abolition of all nations and the free distribution of all goods—beginning with food—to every human being on Earth, regardless of where they were born. A person's potential must not be limited by an accident of geography.

Until global communism is achieved, nations will exist as transitional administrative units. They must be judged by how they treat their people and whether they resist or serve imperialist capital.

#### NATO

NATO is a terrorist organization. It is an alliance of imperialist powers—the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Turkey, and others—each with a long history of colonialism. NATO's wars in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and its proxy war in Ukraine are acts of aggression designed to expand capitalist control and crush any movement toward genuine independence or socialism.

NATO nations cannot be reformed. They must be liberated through revolution from within.

### The United States: A History of Endless Aggression

The United States has a long, well-documented history of needless wars and invasions, beginning with the genocide and land theft from its own Native population. From manifest destiny to the Spanish-American War, from Korea and Vietnam to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, and ongoing drone warfare, the US attacks nations that cannot realistically defend themselves. It bullies the weak. This is not an accident—it is the logic of American imperialism.

### Nuclear Weapons and the Right to Self-Defense

Ideally, nuclear weapons are bad. They should eventually be abolished. But until global communism is achieved, there are legitimate reasons for threatened nations to possess them.

North Korea is unique: its nuclear weapons program is the only thing preventing the United States from attacking it. The same US that has invaded dozens of smaller nations dares not invade a country that can strike back with nuclear force. The only nation to have ever used nuclear weapons against an enemy—the United States, at Hiroshima and Nagasaki—has zero moral authority to tell the victims of colonialism that they cannot defend themselves.

Under global communism, nuclear weapons will be eliminated. Until then, they are a tragic but effective shield against imperialist aggression.

### Israel and Palestine

Israel is an evil state—not because of the Jewish identity of its citizens, but because of its systematic treatment of the Palestinian people. Apartheid, ethnic cleansing, collective punishment, and decades of land theft are crimes against humanity. The United States' unconditional military and diplomatic support for Israel makes it complicit in these crimes.

A just solution requires one secular, democratic state from the river to the sea with equal rights for all inhabitants, and the right of return for expelled Palestinians. Failing that, a two-state solution based on pre-1967 borders with full sovereignty for Palestine is a minimal starting point—but only a communist Palestine within a communist world can truly end the cycle of violence.

### Iran



The current Iranian government is a direct product of US imperialism. In 1953, the CIA overthrew Iran's democratically elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh after he nationalized British oil. The US then installed and propped up the dictatorial Shah for 26 years. The 1979 revolution that overthrew the Shah was a legitimate popular uprising against brutal US-backed tyranny.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has its own internal contradictions and is not a socialist state. But it has the sovereign right to exist and to govern itself without US or Israeli interference. Sanctions, assassination campaigns (such as the killing of General Soleimani), and threats of war are acts of imperialist aggression. Iran must be left alone. If the Iranian people choose to change their government, that is their affair—not Washington's.

### China and the Communist Party of China

The United States views China as an enemy not because China threatens the American working class, but because China offers an alternative to the G7-dominated global trade network. US foreign policy is built on control through debt, military bases, and structural adjustment. China's Belt and Road Initiative and its development lending follow a different principle: help to help, not help to control.

The Communist Party of China is a true communist organization, still transitioning through socialism toward full communism. In roughly 75 years, China has abolished extreme poverty, dramatically raised living standards, and become a technological powerhouse.

Understanding this section requires the reader to acknowledge that what we read about China is heavily filtered through the American propaganda network. On December 26, 1977, the New York Times ran a story titled "Worldwide Propaganda Network Built by the CIA." That story, in part, described how Radio Free Asia was established in 1951 with the express purpose of broadcasting United States propaganda into China. Since then, the sophistication of the American propaganda network has only improved. The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and its core grantees—Freedom House, the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute—continue this work today, funding a constant stream of anti-China "research" from think tanks and so-called experts. The "Xinjiang concentration camps" have been debunked by journalists who actually visited the region. The "Uyghur genocide" accusation is a fabrication. None of this means China is perfect—no country is. But the most outlandish claims come from NED-funded sources, and repeating them is doing the work of the bourgeoisie.

Western communist critics who attack the CPC are, intentionally or not, doing the work of capitalists by dividing the global communist movement. Debates over which model of communism is "best" can only be resolved after communism is achieved. Until then, unity against capitalism and imperialism is paramount.

## North Korea

The United States tendency is to attack smaller nations that cannot defend themselves. North Korea is unique: its nuclear weapons program is the only thing preventing the United States from attacking it. The same US that has invaded dozens of smaller nations dares not invade a country that can strike back with nuclear force.

The same propaganda network that targets China also targets North Korea. Consider the case of General Ri Yong-gil. In February 2016, South Korea's intelligence agency told the world that Ri had been executed for corruption. International media ran the story as fact. Three months later, Ri appeared alive in North Korean state media, appointed to three senior positions. The spy agency's excuse? He "hadn't been seen for some time."

This is not an isolated error. In 2013, reports claimed Kim Jong Un's ex-girlfriend was executed by machine gun fire. She appeared alive in Seoul in 2018. In 2015, reports claimed the defense minister was executed by anti-aircraft fire for falling asleep. He continued appearing on North Korean television. In 2026, Amnesty International published a report claiming teenagers were executed for watching *Squid Game*—based on testimony from a defector who left North Korea five years before the show was released.

The pattern is clear: Pyongyang's secrecy makes verification difficult, while the North's notoriety makes extreme allegations highly marketable. Anonymous claims emerge, are echoed across Western media, and harden into apparent fact through repetition rather than proof. The few retractions receive no headlines.

This does not mean North Korea is "innocent". It means the propaganda machine that targets North Korea is real, documented, and effective. It means that it is impossible to know the truth about North Korea when all information obtained about North Korea is fabricated. The starvation accusation is a lie designed to justify US policy. The strongest nation in the world actively promotes collective punishment through sanctions—sanctions that are designed to starve people, designed to punish citizens who dare live in a nation not approved by NATO. People suffering in North Korea is not primarily a failure of North Korean leadership; it is the success of inhumane US foreign policy.

For all its flaws (and North Korea is accused of having many), it still manages to give families free housing—something the United States does not do.

The same principle applied to Iran applies to North Korea: the government is a product of US imperialist aggression (the Korean War, decades of sanctions, attempted assassinations). It has the right to exist and to defend itself. Defense of North Korea's right to exist is not an endorsement of its internal governance.

## The Transition Timeline

The system described in this manifesto—the 200-year quarantine of capitalist ideals followed by the slow phasing-in of free goods and services—could realistically take over 300 years to reach full communism. This is not a flaw but a realistic acknowledgment that building communism is measured in centuries, not decades. China's experience shows that serious progress can be made in less than a century; the final transition will take longer.

## The Goal: A World Without Nations

Food produced anywhere belongs to everyone. Under full communism, agricultural output from North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America will be distributed freely to all people according to need, without regard to borders. The same principle will extend to medicine, housing, education, and all necessities. The location of one's birth will no longer be a limiting factor on one's life.

That is the ultimate goal of communism. Everything in this foreign policy—every alliance, every critique, every defense of a threatened nation—is a step on that road.

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## 8. Healthcare

### Core Principles

Healthcare is a human right, not a commodity. A for-profit healthcare system is immoral—it values human life based on what rights a person can afford to purchase. Under communism, no one should ever hesitate to see a doctor because of cost, fear a hospital bill, or ration life-saving medicine because they are poor.

### Single-Payer, Single-Tier, Free at Point of Use

The United States will adopt a single-payer system: "Medicare for All," but without the bureaucratic layers and private insurers that currently parasite off the Medicare program. There will be no co-pays, no deductibles, no premiums, no out-of-pocket costs of any kind.

- Doctor visits – Free.
- Prescription medications – Free.
- Hospital stays, surgeries, emergency care – Free.
- Dental care – Free.
- Vision care (exams, glasses, contact lenses) – Free.
- Mental healthcare (therapy, counseling, psychiatric care) – Free.
- Reproductive health (prenatal care, childbirth, contraception, abortion) – Free.
- Preventive care (vaccines, screenings, annual exams, wellness visits) – Free and actively encouraged.

## Elective Procedures

Purely elective procedures with no medical justification—cosmetic surgery for vanity—are banned. They are a total waste of national resources. Reconstructive surgery following an accident, mastectomy, or other medical necessity is covered. The distinction between medical necessity and pure vanity will be made by local healthcare boards, with appeal rights to the middle committee.

## Patient Choice and Referrals

Patients may choose any primary care doctor who is accepting new patients. No referral is needed for primary care. For specialist care (cardiologist, neurologist, oncologist, etc.), a referral from a primary care doctor is required. This ensures that state resources are not wasted on unnecessary specialist visits. Referral decisions can be appealed to the local healthcare board if a patient believes a referral was wrongly denied.

## Experimental Medicine

Experimental treatments and clinical trials operate much as they do today. Patients may volunteer for trials after giving informed consent. If an experimental treatment proves effective and safe, it is incorporated into standard free care. No one is charged for participating in a trial or for receiving an experimental treatment as part of a trial.

## How Providers Are Compensated

Doctors, nurses, dentists, therapists, and all healthcare workers are employees of the state. They are paid according to the same wage grid as all other workers: base pay plus multipliers for education, seniority, and criticality. The maximum ratio between any healthcare worker and the lowest-paid worker in society is 10:1.

The argument that this makes doctors "slaves to the state" is flatly stupid. Doctors are paid. They have the same rights as all workers, including the right to participate in local committees, to appeal workplace decisions, and to change professions if they wish. What they do not have is the ability to charge a patient \$500 for a five-minute consultation or to refuse care to someone without insurance.

## Local Administration and Appeals

Local healthcare boards (elected by the local committee) manage clinic and hospital schedules, waitlists, referral approvals, and resource allocation. If a patient has a grievance—denied care, long wait, mistreatment, or a denied referral—they may appeal to the local board, then to the middle committee, then to the central committee. The same upward appeal process applies as in all other areas of governance.

## Pharmaceuticals and Medical Research

All medications are manufactured by state-owned pharmaceutical plants. Research into new drugs and treatments is funded by the central committee based on societal benefit, not profit. A cure for a disease is prioritized over a lifetime treatment that generates ongoing revenue. Medical knowledge is shared globally without patent restrictions.

## Transition from For-Profit Healthcare

On the first day after the revolution, private health insurance companies are dissolved. Their assets—buildings, computers, data—are seized and transferred to the state. For-profit hospital chains are nationalized. All healthcare workers retain their jobs at the same or better pay. No one is fired for having worked in the private insurance industry, but those who actively sabotaged the transition may face review by local committees.

## Relation to the 200-Year Quarantine

Doctor visits, medications, hospital care, dental, vision, mental health, and reproductive health are free immediately after the revolution. This is not delayed. Preventive care is free and encouraged from day one. The phased free-goods transition (vegetables, meat, milk, groceries, clothes, etc.) applies to non-medical goods. Healthcare is treated as an immediate right because it cannot be hoarded. The initial surge of pent-up demand (the sick who could not afford care) is a one-time catch-up, not ongoing hoarding.

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## 9. Justice and Legal System

### The Root of Most Crime: Desperation

The majority of crimes currently committed in the United States are crimes of desperation. People steal food because they are hungry. They shoplift medicine because they cannot afford it. They break into homes or vehicles because they have no shelter or no money. When a society denies people the basics of survival, it creates criminals out of victims.

Under a system of guaranteed jobs, guaranteed housing, guaranteed healthcare, and proper wages, this entire category of crime disappears. No one will need to steal a loaf of bread or a vial of insulin. No one will need to sleep in a car and be arrested for it. The first act of justice is to make desperation crimes impossible by meeting every person's material needs.

### Drugs and Alcohol: Escaping the Pain of Capitalism

People use drugs and alcohol to numb the pain caused by capitalism. Working day in and day out, fighting for crumbs, scraping by while the 1% lives in luxury—this is not a recipe for mental

health. It is a recipe for escapism. When the economy exists for everyone, when work is meaningful and well-compensated, when the future holds hope instead of despair, the demand for numbing agents will plummet.

For the small minority who still struggle with addiction, treatment is healthcare—free, immediate, and without criminal penalty. No one goes to prison for using drugs. No one goes to prison for possession. Addiction is a medical condition, not a moral failing.

#### The Goal of Incarceration: Rehabilitation, Not Punishment

For the rare cases where crime persists after material needs are met—or for serious violent offenses—the purpose of incarceration is rehabilitation, not revenge. Every prisoner has the right to:

- Earn a degree while incarcerated
- Receive job training in a trade
- Access mental health and addiction treatment
- Work toward parole through demonstrated progress

Prison should be a place of learning and growth, not a warehouse for human beings. With options comes hope. With hope comes the genuine possibility of returning to society as a productive, free citizen.

#### Violent and Repeat Offenders: Rehabilitation Through Structure

For violent offenders and those who repeatedly harm others, rehabilitation takes longer and requires more structure. These individuals are sentenced to a fixed calendar term (e.g., five years), not a "period of labor." During that term, work is voluntary.

- Prisoners who choose to work earn base pay and may use their wages to buy better food, luxuries, and privileges within the prison.
- Prisoners who refuse work receive only basic human decency: nutritionally adequate food, shelter, and safety. They serve their full fixed term without wages or early release credits.
- No one is forced to work. No one's sentence is extended for refusing work.

This is not involuntary servitude. It is a fixed sentence with a choice.

#### The Current US System: Slavery by Another Name

This is how the justice system should work. It is not how the United States works today.

Today, the goal of the US criminal justice system is to find excuses to force minorities and the poor into modern slavery. Laws criminalizing homelessness, sleeping in your vehicle, or minor drug possession exist for one purpose: to throw poor people into a system that exploits their

labor for pennies an hour. Prisoners are paid cents for work that private companies sell at full price. The 13th Amendment explicitly allows slavery "as a punishment for crime," and the United States uses that loophole to maintain a permanent underclass of state-exploited labor.

This is not justice. This is state-sanctioned slavery. It will be abolished on day one of the revolution.

#### Policing: Abolish and Rebuild from the Ground Up

The American police system cannot be reformed. It must be dismantled and rebuilt from the ground up.

Whenever an unjustified officer shooting occurs, we are told it is "a few bad apples." But the system of policing does not throw out those bad apples—it protects them. The "thin blue line" rallies around the offender. Police unions use their power to shield violent officers from accountability. Departments transfer problem officers to new districts instead of firing them. This is not a flaw in the system. It is the system.

The modern American police force was not created to serve the public. It was created to hunt down escaping slaves. From slave patrols in the South to the Pinkertons breaking strikes to the militarized riot squads of today, the core function of policing has always been the same: control of the poor, the black, the brown, and the rebellious. Such a system cannot be rehabilitated. It must be abolished.

In its ashes, we will build something entirely new.

#### A New System of Public Safety

The number one priority of the new system is to serve the public—not to apprehend criminals, not to generate revenue through fines, not to protect property at the expense of human life.

**Community Safety Workers** – Instead of armed police officers, we will have trained community safety workers. Their job is to de-escalate conflicts, provide first aid, direct traffic, check on vulnerable neighbors, and respond to non-violent calls. They carry no guns. They are elected by the local community and can be recalled at any time.

**Unarmed Crisis Response** – Mental health crises, drug overdoses, noise complaints, and disputes between neighbors are handled by unarmed crisis teams (social workers, medics, conflict resolution specialists). Armed force is never the first response.

**Armed Public Safety Officers** – A much smaller, highly trained, strictly supervised corps of armed officers exists only for active shooter situations, hostage crises, or other immediate life-threatening events. These officers are not patrol. They are based at central stations and dispatched only when unarmed teams cannot handle the call. Their weapons are locked and

must be checked out for each incident. Any use of deadly force triggers an automatic review by the local committee, with appeals to the middle committee.

**Body Cameras Mandatory** – Every armed public safety officer and every unarmed community safety worker must wear a body camera. The camera must be turned on for the entire interaction, from initial contact to the moment the call is resolved. No exceptions. If an officer is accused of a crime, misconduct, or excessive force, the footage is invaluable documented evidence. Tampering with, disabling, or "forgetting" to activate a camera is a criminal offense punishable by immediate termination and prosecution.

**Access to Footage** – Access to body camera footage is limited to:

- The individual involved in the incident (victim or accused)
- Internal affairs investigators (to detect patterns of misconduct)
- Lawyers representing either party, but only for the purpose of their client's case

A neighbor has no right to watch a sexual assault victim's footage. That would be a new form of stalking and voyeurism, not accountability.

**No Qualified Immunity** – Any public safety worker who violates someone's rights is personally and professionally accountable. No qualified immunity. No police union protection. Civil lawsuits are permitted, and settlements come from the individual's wages, not the state.

**Democratic Oversight** – Each local committee elects a Public Safety Board that hires, fires, and sets policy for all safety workers in that district. Recall elections can remove Board members at any time.

### Specific Reforms Under Communism

Immediate changes after the revolution:

- All non-violent drug possession convictions are expunged. Anyone currently incarcerated for drug possession is released immediately.
- All laws criminalizing homelessness, sleeping in vehicles, panhandling, or other survival behaviors are repealed.
- Private prisons are abolished. All correctional facilities are taken over by the state and run by local committees.
- Prison labor is paid at the same base wage rate as all other work. No cents-per-hour exploitation.
- The 13th Amendment's exception clause is repealed. Slavery and involuntary servitude are banned absolutely.
- Police unions are dissolved. Qualified immunity is abolished.
- The existing police system is dismantled. All officers placed on leave pending review.



Ongoing changes under the 200-year quarantine:

- Courts are locally elected, with appeals upward. No appointed judges for life.
- Sentencing guidelines are set by the central committee but applied by local judges, with strict limits to prevent racial or class bias.
- Restorative justice programs (mediation between offender and victim) are expanded and prioritized over incarceration where appropriate.
- The death penalty is abolished.
- Community safety workers replace patrol officers. Unarmed crisis teams handle the vast majority of calls.

### Transitional Justice

Old political leaders and military officers are placed on real trial for crimes against humanity. The Nuremberg principle applies: "I was just following orders" is not accepted as an excuse. Those who ordered, enabled, or committed war crimes, torture, assassination, or crimes against peace will be held accountable.

### Appeals and Oversight

As with all other areas of governance, any decision by a court, parole board, or Public Safety Board can be appealed to the next higher committee. Local decisions go to the middle committee, then to the central committee. No one is beyond review. No one is without recourse.

### Relation to the 200-Year Quarantine

Because the root causes of most crime—desperation, addiction, hopelessness—are products of capitalism, the full elimination of crime will take generations. As the 200-year quarantine progresses and free goods (food, clothing, medicine, etc.) become universal, the material incentives for crime will dwindle to near zero. The justice system will shrink from a massive industry to a small, humane apparatus for handling rare antisocial behavior.

That is the goal: a world where prisons are nearly empty, and the word "justice" means healing, not revenge.

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## 10. Arts, Culture, and Sports

Arts, culture, and sports are valid and essential aspects of a functional society. They are not luxuries to be cut or commodities to be exploited for profit. Under communism, these activities cease to be commercial enterprises and become state-sponsored public goods, just like any other industry.

- State ownership – Art galleries, concert halls, sports leagues, theaters, and all cultural institutions become state-owned enterprises. They are funded by the state and operated by local or middle committees, with the goal of enriching society, not generating profit.
- Professional athletes, musicians, singers, actors – These workers are paid according to a modified version of the standard wage grid, adapted for their industry. The grid accounts for the physical demands and shorter career spans of athletes in high-impact sports (e.g., professional wrestling, football, boxing). Their compensation includes continued pay or pension adjustments that recognize the sacrifices they made during their active careers.
- Amateur and community arts – Local committees fund community theaters, public murals, local bands, and recreational sports leagues. Participation is open to all.
- No commercial gatekeepers – There are no private promoters, ticket monopolies, or streaming services extracting profit. Events are priced to cover costs, or made free where possible. Artists and athletes are not forced to chase trends or sell merchandise to survive.

Culture belongs to everyone. It will no longer be a product to be bought and sold.

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## 11. Rural and Agricultural Policy

Agriculture is the foundation of any society. Under communism, food production and distribution are planned centrally, executed locally, and designed to feed every person without waste or exploitation.

- Central planning, local execution – The central committee sets national crop and livestock targets based on nutritional needs, seasonal cycles, and environmental limits. Middle and local committees devise their own methods to meet those targets, using local knowledge of soil, water, and climate.
- Humane treatment of livestock – Animals raised for food must be slaughtered as humanely as possible. Torture, overcrowding, and cruel transport are criminal offenses. Local committees inspect facilities and enforce standards.
- Farmers as state employees – Farmers continue to work their generational land but as state employees, not private owners. They receive the same wage grid as all workers, with criticality multipliers for remote or difficult areas. Their expertise is respected and retained.
- Food distribution – The central committee allocates food from surplus regions to deficit regions. No one starves because they live in a food-desert county. The phased free-goods program (vegetables, meat, milk, etc.) eventually eliminates grocery bills entirely.
- Rural infrastructure – Local and middle committees ensure rural areas have reliable roads, internet, electricity, and water. No community is left behind.

The countryside will no longer be exploited to feed the cities. It will be a partner in a single, unified food system.

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## 12. Gender, Family, and Reproduction

A just society supports families in all their forms, respects reproductive freedom, and guarantees the material conditions for children to thrive.

- Paid parental leave – One year of paid leave at full base pay is available for each parent (two parents = one year each). Alternatively, one parent may take two years of paid leave while the other continues to work. The choice belongs to the family.
- Free childcare – State-funded childcare is available free of charge for any family that chooses it. Facilities are staffed by trained professionals paid under the standard wage grid.
- Stay-at-home parent option – A parent who chooses to raise their children at home rather than use state childcare receives base pay. This work is recognized as a valid and valuable service to society. Families that prefer state childcare may do so; both options are equally respected.
- Reproductive health – All contraception, prenatal care, childbirth, and abortion are free (covered under Healthcare). No person is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy.
- Domestic violence – Specialized courts and crisis centers handle domestic violence with a focus on victim safety and offender rehabilitation. Protective orders are enforced by community safety workers. Batterers are subject to the same justice system as all violent offenders (fixed sentences, voluntary rehabilitation).
- Marriage equality – Marriage is a private contract between consenting adults. The state recognizes any two (or more) persons who choose to form a family unit, regardless of gender, with full rights to inheritance, medical decision-making, and parental recognition. Divorce is permitted and simplified.

The family is not a unit of capitalist reproduction. It is a place of mutual care. The state supports it without controlling it.

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## 13. Technology and AI Governance

Technology, including artificial intelligence, is a tool. Under capitalism, it is used to displace workers and maximize profit. Under communism, it is used to reduce drudgery, expand knowledge, and benefit society.

- State-owned AI enterprises – AI development continues much as it does today, with individual companies using their own methods and research directions. However, every such company is a state-owned enterprise, not a private or shareholder-owned entity.
- Officer oversight – Each enterprise answers to a state-appointed officer who evaluates projects based on benefits to society (not profit). This officer is accountable to the central committee.
- Ethical guidelines – Ethical standards are set by the assigned officer, subject to central committee approval and appeal. Issues such as autonomous weapons, mass surveillance, deepfakes, and bias are evaluated case by case under the principle of societal betterment.

- AI and labor – As noted in the Education section, when AI replaces a job classification, displaced workers are retrained at the same degree level without the usual 2/3 work split. They are not punished for automation.
- Data ownership – Data generated by citizens is owned collectively, not by corporations. It is used for public planning and research with transparency and privacy protections.

Technology should liberate, not enslave. Our AI policy reflects that.

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## 14. Military and Defense

After the revolution, the United States military will be transformed from an instrument of global imperialism into a defensive force for the protection of the homeland and the international working class.

- Primary mission: defense – The standing military exists to protect citizens from natural disasters, monitor coasts and land borders against incursion, and defend the homeland from imperialist attack. It does not launch wars of choice, overthrow foreign governments, or maintain hundreds of foreign bases.
- Revolutionary Guard – A professional, all-volunteer force called the Revolutionary Guard replaces the old US military. The same type of person who stayed in the old military will stay in the Revolutionary Guard. The difference is the mission: "defending democracy" by blowing up poor brown people versus defending the homeland by actually protecting those in dire need. Members are paid according to rank under the standard wage grid (with hazard pay and criticality multipliers).
- No imperialist structure – Aircraft carriers, nuclear missile silos, and other offensive systems are decommissioned or repurposed. The budget for the Revolutionary Guard is a small fraction of the former Pentagon budget.
- Nuclear weapons – As stated in Foreign Policy, nuclear weapons are bad but, until global communism is achieved, they may be retained as a deterrent against imperialist attack. Their use would be defensive only, and their elimination is a long-term goal.
- International cooperation – A communist US will not invade or sanction other nations. It will offer material aid, technical assistance, and fraternal solidarity to any country resisting capitalist exploitation, but it will not impose its model by force.

When the world's most powerful imperialist state converts to communism, global safety will increase dramatically. The Revolutionary Guard's slogan: "Defend the revolution, not the shareholders."

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## 15. Environment and Energy

The planet is running out of oil. Regardless of one's views on global warming or climate change, fossil fuels are finite. We will eventually pump the last barrel. A rational society must prepare for that day now.

- Research now – The central committee will fund aggressive research into all viable energy sources: cold/hot fusion, nuclear fission (with safe waste disposal), geothermal, hydroelectric, solar, and wind. No option is taken off the table except those that cause net environmental harm.
- Efficiency and infrastructure – While research proceeds, we must increase energy efficiency across all industries and build the necessary infrastructure (grids, storage, transmission) for a post-oil economy. This is a national priority.
- Transition from fossil fuels – Coal and oil production will be phased out on a schedule that ensures no community is abandoned (central committee provides replacement jobs). The pace is determined by the availability of alternative energy and the feasibility of retraining.
- Pollution standards – Central committee sets binding limits on air, water, and soil pollution. Local committees enforce them. Polluters face fines, closure, or criminal charges depending on intent and harm.
- Conservation and restoration – Land, forests, and water are public trusts. Deforestation, wetland destruction, and overfishing are prohibited. Restoration of damaged ecosystems is a state-funded job program.

There is no Planet B. Communism, with its long planning horizons and absence of profit motive, is uniquely suited to solve environmental problems. Capitalism will burn the last drop of oil and call it growth. We will build something that lasts.

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## 16. Religion

The revolutionary state respects the right of individuals to hold religious beliefs or no beliefs. No one will be persecuted for their private faith. However, religious doctrine may not override secular law, and no religious group may use the state to impose its moral code on others.

- Private belief, public neutrality – Citizens may believe that homosexuality, abortion, or other behaviors are sinful. They may refrain from those behaviors themselves. They may not, however, use the law to forbid others from engaging in those behaviors. The state's laws are based on material harm, not religious dogma.
- Separation of religion from state power – There is no official state religion. Religious courts have no legal authority. Religious symbols may not be displayed on government property unless all religions are equally represented in a neutral, educational context (e.g., a museum).
- Ownership and use of religious buildings – Existing churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, and other religious structures are taken into public ownership. Religious groups are granted a scheduled license to use the building for worship, religious education, and associated activities. The schedule is set by the local committee, which decides which hours or days are allocated to

religious use (e.g., Sunday mornings, Friday afternoons, etc.). The local committee may also allocate time for secular community functions: public meetings, voting, disaster shelters, and local committee assemblies. All other time, the building is under state control for secular purposes.

- No veto power for religious groups – The religious community does not dictate when the state may use the building. If the local committee schedules a meeting during a previously unallocated time, the religious group must accommodate. The state's need for assembly space takes precedence.
- New religious buildings – Religious groups may request the construction of new buildings or the conversion of existing state-owned property for religious use. Approval is handled by the local committee, based on demonstrated need and available resources. The building remains state-owned, and the same scheduling rules apply.
- Prohibited practices – No religion may practice or advocate violence, child abuse, human sacrifice, or any action that violates the criminal code (e.g., female genital mutilation, honor killings). Such practices are crimes, regardless of religious justification.
- Religious education – Private religious instruction for children is permitted outside of school hours. Public schools teach science (including evolution and climate science), history, and civics without religious influence.

The goal is not to abolish religion but to end its influence over secular governance. In a communist society, the state does not bow to the altar; the altar receives scheduled hours from the state.

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## 17. Transition from Capitalism – The First 100 Days

The revolution does not end with the fall of the old government. It begins. The first 100 days are the most fragile period. The old ruling class will attempt sabotage, capital flight, hoarding, and counter-revolution. The new state must act immediately, decisively, and without apology.

### Day One – Seizure of Corporate Assets

- All stock certificates of every company listed on any US stock exchange are immediately seized. The state becomes the temporary owner of every publicly traded corporation operating on US soil.
- Foreign companies listed on US exchanges have their US-listed shares seized. After the initial seizure, the foreign parent company may be released from state control, but all US-based operations (subsidiaries, factories, offices, inventory) remain seized and become state-owned enterprises of the new communist state.
- Foreign subsidiaries of US companies become state-owned.
- US subsidiaries of foreign companies are seized and remain state-owned.
- Small, independent, non-publicly traded companies (e.g., family restaurants, local hardware stores, solo law practices) are not seized during the first 100 days. They remain private for the

time being. The state's priority is securing the commanding heights of the economy, not terrorizing every corner store. These smaller enterprises will be addressed later in the transition.

#### Day One – Healthcare Transformation

- Health insurance companies, now state-owned, immediately change policy: all medical procedures and prescription drugs are automatically approved.
- The state trusts the best judgment of the doctor, not some insurance executive bean counter.
- Hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies continue normal operations under new state ownership.

#### Day One – Wage and Price Freeze

- All wages are frozen at their current nominal level.
- All prices are frozen at their current level. Hoarding and price gouging are crimes.
- Strict purchase limits are instituted on essential goods (food, water, medicine, fuel) based on household size.

#### First Week – Securing Supply Chains

- The Revolutionary Guard secures ports, railways, highways, and distribution centers.
- The free flow of trade goods—not just food—must continue. Empty stores breed panic.
- Local committees, newly elected, coordinate with state-owned logistics companies.

#### First Month – Establishing Local Governance

- Local committees are elected by open assembly with secret ballot.
- These committees appoint local health boards, public safety boards, and housing allocation boards.
- The old police departments are disbanded. Community safety workers begin training.

#### First 100 Days – Calming the Population

The people will be shocked. Many will be afraid. Some will resist. The goal of the first 100 days is stabilization:

- Keep food flowing.
- Keep hospitals open and free.
- Keep wages and prices steady.
- Keep small businesses running as before (for now).
- Show the people that the revolution means they will not starve, freeze, or be left without medicine.

A calm population is a population that will give the new system a chance. Panic is the ally of counter-revolution. The first 100 days are about proving, in practice, that the revolution works.

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## 18. Revolutionary Strategy

### Why the Revolution Has Not Already Happened

The American people are crushed by endless wars of choice, failing infrastructure, unaffordable housing, wages that do not keep pace with prices, healthcare that bankrupts the sick, and a political system that offers only two flavors of the same capitalist poison. Yet the revolution has not come. Why?

Any honest revolutionary must answer this question. Here is the truth.

1. Misery alone is not enough. Revolutions do not happen when conditions are worst. They happen when conditions are improving and then suddenly collapse—a sharp drop after rising expectations. Americans have been slowly ground down for decades, not suddenly shocked. There is no single "Hungry Winter" like Petrograd in 1917.
2. The safety valves still work – just barely. Credit cards, GoFundMe, food stamps, the gig economy, payday loans—they absorb the worst shocks. No one is literally starving in the streets yet. Hunger is chronic, not acute. The opioid crisis kills people but does not produce revolutionaries; it produces corpses and the numbed survivors.
3. The working class is fragmented, not united. The ruling class has spent fifty years dividing workers by race, region, education, and gender. A white construction worker in Ohio and a black nurse in Detroit do not see each other as comrades. They see competitors for scarce resources. Identity wars and culture wars are firebreaks against class solidarity.
4. The revolutionary left is weak. The Communist Party USA endorsed Hillary Clinton. The DSA works inside the Democratic Party. Smaller sects argue over Stalin versus Mao while the world burns. Most Americans have never met a communist. The ones they see on television are caricatures or college students shouting about Palestine.
5. Repression is subtle but effective. The United States does not need Gulags. It uses FBI infiltration, endless court cases to bankrupt activists, doxxing, firing, and social destruction. The Patriot Act and the surveillance state make organizing dangerous. The price of stepping out of line is too high for most people.
6. Hope is still placed in the system. Every election, millions believe this time will be different. Bernie Sanders. AOC. Even Biden. They channel revolutionary anger into harmless voting. The system has not yet lost all legitimacy in the eyes of the masses. When it does—when a general strike cripples the economy or when the military refuses to fire on its own people—the door will open.



Until then, no revolution. Pretending otherwise is fantasy.

### The Strategic Orientation

Because we cannot predict the spark, we must prepare the kindling. The role of the communist today is not to plan a coup. It is to build the conditions for a mass movement to emerge.

Organize locally. Unions, tenant associations, mutual aid networks, food distribution cooperatives. Do not start a party yet. Start with trust. Show up. Do the work.

Agitate constantly. Talk to coworkers, neighbors, family. Do not use Marxist jargon. Speak to the specific pain: the rent is too high, the boss is a parasite, the system is rigged. Plant class consciousness as a seed. Water it with patience.

Build dual power. Create alternative institutions that operate parallel to the state—community clinics, free stores, childcare co-ops, neighborhood defense. When the state fails (and it will fail), people will turn to these institutions. That is how you gain legitimacy. That is how the old state withers.

Wait for the moment, but do not wait idly. The revolution will not be a single night. It will be a process of the old state losing all legitimacy—through economic collapse, ecological disaster, a general strike, or a police massacre that finally breaks the public's patience. When that moment comes, the people will not turn to politicians. They will turn to the organizations that have been there all along, feeding their children and defending their streets.

Our job is to make sure those organizations exist.

### A Note on Violence

The existing system is built on violence: police, military, prisons, border patrol. It will not be reasoned away. When the moment comes, the ruling class will not hand over power politely. The revolutionary movement must be prepared to defend itself and to break the old state's monopoly on force.

But violence without organization is suicide. Guerrilla warfare without mass support is terrorism. The gun follows the political work; it does not precede it.

### The Long View

This revolution will not be completed in our lifetimes. The 200-year quarantine exists precisely because we know that capitalist habits, fears, and loyalties persist for generations. The strategic orientation is accordingly long: build, agitate, wait, and when the window opens—strike.

We are not the ones who will see communism. We are the ones who will make it possible for our grandchildren to build it.

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## 19. Conclusion and Call to Action

### You Are Not Crazy

If you read this manifesto and felt a mixture of recognition and rage—recognition that the system is broken, rage that it has not yet been overthrown—you are not alone. The author of this manifesto feels the same way. Every honest communist feels the same way.

The system is designed to exhaust you, atomize you, and convince you that no alternative exists. It has spent trillions of dollars and a century of propaganda to make you feel powerless. That you are still asking "why isn't it happening?" means you have already refused to accept the lie.

That refusal is the beginning of revolution.

### What You Can Do Tomorrow

You do not need to join a party. You do not need to read thirty books of Marxist theory. You do not need to buy a gun or go to a protest that will be ignored by the media.

You need to do three small things, starting tomorrow:

1. Talk to one person. Not a speech. Not a debate. Just one coworker, neighbor, or family member. Ask them: "What is the hardest part of your life right now?" Listen. Then say: "I feel the same way. I don't think it has to be this way." That is agitation. That is how class consciousness spreads—one conversation at a time.
2. Join or start a mutual aid network. Find three people in your neighborhood. Pool resources to buy groceries for someone who lost their job. Help an elderly neighbor fix their porch. Start a tool library. This is dual power—building the institutions that will replace the state when it fails. It is also how you build trust.
3. Read one book this year about a successful revolution. Not to copy tactics, but to understand that ordinary people have done this before. The Russian Revolution by Rosa Luxemburg. The Cuban Revolution by Che Guevara. The Autobiography of Malcolm X. Learn from those who came before.

That is it. That is the call to action. No heroism. No martyrdom. Just small, consistent, daily work.

## The Long Game

You will not see communism in your lifetime. The author of this manifesto will not see it either. The 200-year quarantine exists because we know that capitalist thinking persists for generations. The job of our generation is not to build paradise. It is to lay the foundation.

That foundation is made of:

- Organized workers
- Mutual aid networks
- Class consciousness planted in millions of minds
- A revolutionary culture that treats solidarity as normal and greed as shameful

If we do that work, our children will do more. Their children will finish it.

## A Final Word

The ruling class wants you to believe that you are alone, that nothing ever changes, that the only choice is between two capitalist parties and slow death. That is a lie.

You are not alone. Change is constant. And the choice is not between Democrats and Republicans. It is between a world of exploitation and a world of liberation.

We will not live to see that world. But we can be the ones who make it possible.

Organize. Agitate. Build.

The revolution is not a single night. It is a million small acts of refusal, repeated every day, until the old world crumbles and a new one takes its place.

Start tomorrow.

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## 20. Comparison with Orthodox Communism

The system described in this manifesto shares the core commitments of Marxism-Leninism: the abolition of private property, state ownership of the means of production, central planning, anti-imperialism, and the eventual goal of a stateless, classless society. However, it departs from orthodox communism in several significant ways. These differences are not apologetic. They are deliberate improvements, learned from the failures and cruelties of 20th-century socialist states.

## Where This Manifesto Agrees with Orthodox Communism

- State ownership of all major industry – No private capitalists. No stock market.
- Central planning – The central committee sets national economic priorities.
- One-party vanguard – Though this system has no single leader and stricter democratic controls.
- Anti-imperialism – Opposition to NATO, US hegemony, and colonialism.
- Internationalism – The ultimate goal of no nations and free global distribution of goods.
- Revolutionary seizure of power – Not reform. Not electoralism.

## Where This Manifesto Differs

### Wages

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Based on quantity and quality of work; significant differentials between elites and workers.
- This Manifesto: Fixed grid based on education, seniority, and criticality; maximum 10× ratio; base pay for non-workers.

### Transition timeline

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: No fixed number; "socialism for a long time."
- This Manifesto: Explicit 200-year quarantine to erase capitalist memory, followed by phased free goods over another century.

### Prison labor

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Forced labor (gulag system) as punishment.
- This Manifesto: Fixed calendar sentences; work is voluntary and paid at base pay; refusal means basic decency only.

### Police

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Secret police, state security apparatus, surveillance.
- This Manifesto: Police abolished and rebuilt as unarmed community safety workers; armed unit only for active threats; body cameras with strict access rules.

### Governance

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Often a single leader (General Secretary) with weak term limits.
- This Manifesto: No single head; three-tier elected committees; strict term limits (2 terms central, etc.); recall by local community.

### Age limits for office

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: None (gerontocracy common).
- This Manifesto: Must be 24–64 at election; 65+ barred.

## Religion

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Officially atheist; churches closed or repurposed; religious practice often suppressed.
- This Manifesto: State owns buildings but grants scheduled worship rights; religious belief private; religious law has no secular authority.

## Healthcare

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Often free but bureaucratic.
- This Manifesto: Free day one; all procedures automatically approved; insurance bean-counters eliminated.

## Phased free goods

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Not specified; expected under full communism.
- This Manifesto: Explicit sequence: hygiene → vegetables → meat → milk → groceries → clothes → medicine → toys → luxuries.

## Base pay for non-workers

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Not standard (able-bodied expected to work).
- This Manifesto: Universal base pay at 150% of poverty rate for all citizens, with conditionality for able-bodied refuseniks (0.5× for six months, then 0× with open door).

## AI and automation

- Orthodox Marxism-Leninism: Not addressed (20th century).
- This Manifesto: State-owned AI enterprises; officer evaluates projects by social benefit; displaced workers retrained at same degree level.

## Why These Differences Matter

Orthodox communism built factories, defeated fascism, and broke the back of colonialism. But it also built Gulags, silenced dissent, and created new elites. This manifesto attempts to preserve the strengths of Marxism-Leninism—its scientific approach to capitalism, its internationalism, its commitment to abolishing exploitation—while correcting its most brutal errors.

The 200-year quarantine, the voluntary prison labor, the abolition of police, the strict term and age limits, and the phased free-goods transition are not deviations from communism. They are communism learned from the mistakes of the past.

A revolutionary who does not study failures is doomed to repeat them. This manifesto is written by someone who has studied.